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**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE PURSUANT  
TO 37 CFR §1.116 REQUESTED**

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Applicants: Yoshinori NAKAYAMA

Application No.: 09/379,104

Filing Date: August 23, 1999

Title: SCHEDULE RETRIEVAL METHOD FOR CONTROLLING  
SCHEDULES AND SCHEDULE SERVER APPARATUS WITH  
MULTISTAGEOUS IDLE-TIME RETRIEVAL MEANS

Art Unit: 3628

Examiner: N. Nguyen

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**SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
AGREEMENT REACHED DURING AN INTERVIEW WITH EXAMINER ON 2/3/03**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 19, 2003

Sir:

Supplemental to the Response filed on February 3, 2003 to the final Office  
Action (Paper No. 17) dated on October 3, 2002, the following amendments,  
remarks and arguments are submitted in the above-identified application for the  
Examiner's consideration and entry.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 10-14, as follows:

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- 1 **10. (Thrice Amended)** A schedule management system, comprising:
  - 2 a schedule server which stores schedules of participants and schedules of
  - 3 equipments reserved by ones of said participants, and which divides schedules of